



BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS STEERING COMMITTEE

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Groundbreaking To Begin Construction of Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project

WHAT: More than 200 invited guests will be joining Bolsa Chica Steering Committee representatives in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Bolsa Chica wetlands to celebrate the beginning of construction for the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project. The ceremony caps off more than 30 years of planning for this restoration project and will mark the beginning of on-the-ground restoration activities. The Bolsa Chica Steering Committee is comprised of eight Federal and State agencies.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 6
10:30 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Bolsa Chica Wetlands in Huntington Beach, California, across from Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (off Pacific Coast Highway)

Limited parking is available for satellite trucks and camera crews at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve parking lot; additional parking is available at Bolsa Chica State Beach through gate at Warner Ave. and PCH – shuttle buses will be available to transport visitors from the State Beach parking lot to the Ecological Reserve. Buses will run every 15 minutes beginning at 9:45 am.

Comfortable walking shoes, hat, and sunscreen recommended

WHO:

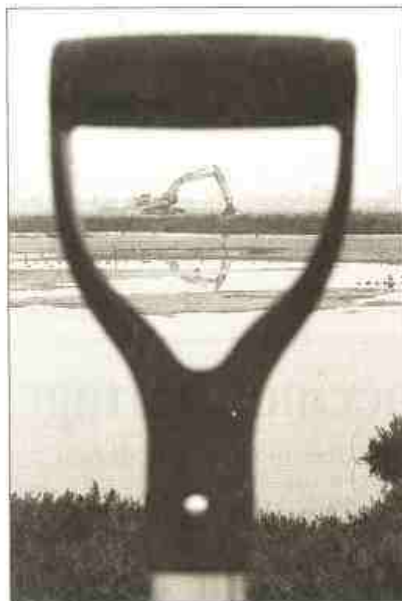
- Honorable Steve Westly, California State Controller
- Honorable Cruz Bustamante, California Lieutenant Governor
- Honorable Lynn Scarlett, Department of the Interior
- Rodney McInnis, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Colonel Leonardo Flor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Alexis Strauss, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Mike Chrisman, California Secretary for Resources
- Eugene Voiland, President and CEO, Aera Energy
- Herb Chatterton, Founding President, Amigos de Bolsa Chica

WHY: The Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project is the largest wetlands restoration effort ever undertaken in southern California and one of the biggest nationwide.

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One wild restoration

Inited speakers including Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, center, participate in the groundbreaking of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project on Wednesday. In 1997, the state bought the 900 acres of marine and wetland habitat at Bolsa Chica, seen at left through a shovel. The property has been the target of oil extraction. The restoration will span the next 25 years and is the largest Southern California restoration project in history. Others digging above, from left: Eugene J. Voiland, president of Aera Energy; Lynn Scarlett, U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary of policy, management, and budget; Steve Westly, state controller and chairman of the California State Lands Commission; and Mike Chrisman, secretary for resources.

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Bolsa Chica Groundbreaking Ceremony, October 6, 2004
Current Steering Committee Representatives left to right

1) Peter Brand, State Coastal Conservancy 2) Chris Potter, Resources Agency
3) Jack Fancher, Fish and Wildlife Service 4) Tom Yocom, Environmental
Protection Agency 5) Terri Stewart, Department of Fish and Game 6) Jim Trout,
State Lands Commission 7) Larry Smith, Corps of Engineers 8) Bob Hoffman,
National Marine Fisheries Service

